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Claims

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1. A carrier comprising an elongate strip having a first portion and a second portion; a fold between said first portion and said second portion such that the first portion contacts the second portion; and a join between the first portion and the second portion, wherein said join and the fold form the edges of a pocket or pouch
10 for containment of ~~product~~ *medicament*, said pocket or pouch containing a unit dose of medicament therein.
 2. A carrier according to claim 1, wherein said pocket or pouch comprises folds therein.
 - 15 3. A carrier according to either of claims 1 or 2, wherein said pocket or pouch comprises contours or ridges therein.
 4. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 3, additionally comprising a retainer within the pocket or pouch for retaining ~~product~~ *medicament* thereon.
 - 20 5. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 4, wherein each of the ends of the elongate strip has a non self-binding adhesive portion.
 6. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 5, wherein each of the ends of the
25 elongate strip has a peelable cover thereon.
 7. A carrier according to claim 6, wherein removal of said peelable cover reveals an adhesive portion on each of the ends of the elongate strip.
 - 30 8. A carrier according to any of claims 5 to 7, wherein the adhesive portion enables attachment of the carrier to mammalian skin.

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9. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 8 comprising at least one further joint forming at least one further pocket or pouch for containment of ~~product~~^{medicament}.
10. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 9, wherein the ends of the elongate strip form a pair of pull release tabs.
11. A carrier according to claim 10, wherein each of said pull release tabs is shaped for ease of grip.
12. A carrier according to either of claims 10 or 11, wherein each of the pull release tabs has a looped end.
13. A carrier according to any of claims 10 to 12, wherein each of the pull release tabs has at least one perforation therein.
14. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 13, additionally comprising a drawstring opening mechanism.
15. A carrier according to claim 14, additionally comprising protruding release ends of said drawstring for opening thereof.
16. A carrier in multi-unit form comprising a series arrangement of a plurality of carriers according to any of claims 1 to 15.
17. A carrier according to claim 16, wherein each of said plurality of carriers is connected together.
18. A carrier according to claim 17, wherein each of said plurality of carriers is formable from the same elongate strip.

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19. A carrier according to claim 18, wherein said strip has a point of weakness between each carrier in said series arrangement.

20. A carrier according to any one of claims 16 to 19, wherein each pocket or pouch is foldable to lie flat alongside the elongate strip.

21. A carrier according to any claims 1 to 20, wherein the elongate strip is flexible.

22. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 21, wherein the elongate strip comprises material selected from the group consisting of metal foil, an organic polymeric material and paper.

23. A carrier according to claim 22, wherein the strip comprises a laminate.

24. A carrier according to any one of claims 1 to 23, wherein the join is formable by a joining method selected from the group consisting of heat, laser, radio frequency, adhesive, staple, stamp, pressure and ultrasonic sealing.

25. A carrier according to any one of claims 1 to 18, wherein the join is peelable to enable peelable access to the pocket or pouch.

~~26. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising a medicament therein.~~

any of 1 - 25

26 27. A carrier according to ~~claims 26~~ *any of 1 - 25*, wherein said medicament is in dry powder, tablet, liquid, paste, cream or capsular form.

27 28. A carrier according to ~~either~~ *any 1 to 26* of claims ~~26 or 27~~ *the*, wherein ~~said~~ medicament is selected from the group consisting of albuterol, salmeterol, ipratropium bromide, fluticasone propionate and beclomethasone dipropionate and salts or solvates thereof and any mixtures thereof.

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28. ~~29.~~ An inhalation device comprising a housing in combination with a medicament carrier as claimed in any of claims ~~28~~¹ to ~~28~~²⁷.

29. ~~30.~~ An inhalation device according to claim ~~29~~²⁸, wherein the inhalation device comprises a release mechanism and the carrier comprises a pair of pull release tabs connected to said release mechanism.

30. ~~31.~~ An inhalation device according to claim ~~30~~²⁹, wherein the release mechanism is separable from the housing of the inhalation device.

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31. ~~32.~~ A method of making a carrier comprising forming a fold between a first portion and second portion of an elongate strip such that said first portion contacts said second portion; forming a join between said first portion and said second portion wherein said join and the fold form the edges of an open pocket or pouch for containment of ~~product~~^{medicament}; filling said open pocket or pouch with ~~said product~~^{a unit dose of medicament}; and closing said open pocket or pouch by forming a further join.

32. ~~33.~~ A method of making a carrier in multi-unit form comprising successive iterations of the method of claim ~~32~~³¹ to form a series arrangement of a plurality of carriers.

33. ~~34.~~ A method of opening a carrier as claimed in claims 10 to ~~28~~²⁷ comprising pulling the pair of pull release tabs in order to enable access to the pouch.

34. ~~35.~~ Use of a carrier according to any of claims ~~28~~¹ to ~~28~~²⁷, for dispensing medicament.

35. ~~36.~~ Use of a carrier according to claim ~~35~~³⁴, for applying medicament to skin.

36. ~~37.~~ Use of a carrier according to claim ~~36~~³⁵, for the treatment of cuts, abrasions or infections of said skin.

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37 38. Use of a carrier according to claim 35, for dispensing slow-release formulations of medicaments via the skin.

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38 39. Use of a carrier according to claim 35, wherein said medicament is used in the treatment of respiratory disorders.

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39 40. Use of a carrier according to claim 39, wherein the medicament is used in the treatment of asthma.

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40 41. Use of a carrier according to claim 40, wherein said medicament is salbutamol or albuterol.

42. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising an electronic component therein.

43. A carrier according to claim 42, wherein said electronic component is selected from the group consisting of semi-conductor, integrated circuit chip, fuse and battery.

44. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising a food therein.

45. A carrier according to claim 44, wherein said food is selected from the group consisting of meat, mycoprotein, milk, cheese, flour, pasta, rice, oil, sugar, confectionery, vegetable, herbal, snack, convenience and fruit foodstuffs.

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46. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising a beverage therein.

47. A carrier according to claim 46, wherein said beverage is selected from the group consisting of water, milk, coffee, cocoa, tea, fruit, carbonated and alcoholic drinks.

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80. A carrier according to claim 78, wherein said contraceptive drug is selected from the group consisting of spermicide, estrogen, ethinyl estradiol, progesterone, levonorgestrel and norgestrel.

5 81. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising a medical instrument therein.

82. A carrier according to claim 81, wherein said medical instrument is selected from the group consisting of scalpel, thermometer and syringe.

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83. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising laboratory equipment therein.

84. A carrier according to claim 83, wherein said equipment is selected from the
15 group consisting of dispenser tip, microbial filter, filter paper, aseptic container, petri-plate, vial, test tube, tissue-culture vessel and pipette.

85. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising a catemenial product therein.

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86. A carrier according to claim 85, wherein said catemenial product comprises a tampon.

~~87. A carrier according to any of claims 1 to 25, comprising nicotine therein.~~

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41 ~~88.~~ A carrier as substantially herein described with reference to the accompanying drawings.

42 ~~89.~~ An inhalation device as substantially herein described with reference to the
30 accompanying drawings.

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